

CHAPTER
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SECTION 3

READING COMPREHENSION

The Implied Powers

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1. What is the constitutional basis for the existence of the implied powers?

2. Why has it been called the “Elastic Clause”?

3. Explain how each of the following viewed the Elastic Clause:
 - a. strict constructionists _____
 - b. liberal constructionists _____
4. Why did the liberal construction of the Constitution prevail?

5. How has the Elastic Clause affected the need for amendments to the Constitution?

6. On what must the exercise of implied powers be based?

7. Briefly explain how Congress has used each of the following as a basis for the exercise of implied powers:
 - a. the commerce power _____
 - b. the powers to tax and spend _____
 - c. the war powers _____